

**Remarks/Arguments**

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

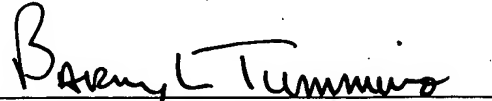
Claims 1, 5-7, and 11-15 were rejected and claims 2-4 and claims 8-10 were objected to.

Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 2 and 8, respectively. Since claims 2 and 8 were indicated as allowable, amended claims 1 and 7 are allowable. New claims 16 and 17 are claims 1 and 7 with the additions of the limitations in allowable claims 3 and 9, respectively, and are therefore allowable. Claims 14 and 15 are method claims that have been amended to clarify that the at least one intermediately located transceiver/controller is located within a vehicle other than the target vehicle and is a target vehicle transceiver/controller for another vehicle communication system. It is respectfully suggested that claims 14 and 15 are allowable for the reasons similar to allowance of amended claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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